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AVALON IRON WORKS - about 1761 - Site at the terminus of Gun Road and the B. & O. tracks was originally used as Dorsey's Forge about 1761. Whetcroft's slitting mill was added to the forge property in 1776. Later site of Elliott's nail works, and still later Manning and Company's Avalon Iron Works, also a nail-making operation. One stone house remains from complex largely wrecked by 1868 flood. Nearby brick buildings (c. 1910) downstream of Gun Road are plant of Baltimore County Water and Electric Company (abandoned). DNR considers water works building unsafe (October 17, 1977 - inquiry from Joe McNamara of MGS).

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore TOWN _____ VICINITY Dist. XIII STREET NO. Gun Rd. by the B. & O. Railroad tracks ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA-282 261	
		2. NAME Avalon Iron Works DATE OR PERIOD before 1857 STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC			
<p>Property belonged to the Messers - Manning & Co., according to Robert Taylor's 1857 map of Baltimore. This was the Patapsco site of the Old Dorsey Forge in existence in 1795. It was also known as the Hockley Forge.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY March 20, 1968</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	

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